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## And The Little Girl Held Up Her Hands

Miss Grace Dobson, the young lady book-keeper in the bank of Tyro, and who was present when the bank was robbed a few weeks ago, is a niece of Dr. C. K. Tillison of Ramona, Okla. She came down to Ramona last week to visit a few days and while there the Ramona Herald man secured from her the following story concerning her experience at the time of the robbery:

"I was in the bank working on the books in the back part of the room," said Miss Dobson, "and Mr. Lenhart, the president, was acting as cashier. Our cashier was away for the day at Jefferson. Mr. Alexander, the station agent, was in the bank, transacting some business when two men came in. One of them closed the front door and the other walked up to Mr. Lenhart and Mr. Alexander and told them to hold up their hands. Mr. Alexander put up his, but Mr. Lenhart did not seem to understand what they said or did not realize what they were doing, for he did not put up his hands. The other robber then put the barrel of his revolver through the iron grating directly under his nose and told him again. Then Mr. Lenhart put up his hands also. In the meantime the first robber marched Mr. Alexander around to where Mr. Lenhart was and compelled both to get down on their knees. The other robber then came to me and took me by the shoulder and said:

"Little girl, you put your hands up and do what I tell you or you'll get hurt."

"He kept hold of me and walked over to the vault and looked in. He saw nothing there that he wanted so he went to the safe and told me to open it. I told him that I could not, as I did not know the combination.

"He said: Come now, I don't want any fooling." I told him that I could not open it and he said:

"Well, you had better learn how right now."

"By this time he had reached the safe and took hold of it and found that it was not locked. Then he told me to go over and kneel down with the others and look at the floor. I obeyed but wanted to get a good look at the men, so glanced up at the one who was standing guard and he told me I had better keep my eyes on the floor. After they had taken the money from the drawer and the safe, they told me to get up and stay where I was. They took the men into the president's office and tried to go out the back way, but the door was locked, so they came back and one of them said, 'Little girl, you stay right where you are. If you move we will shoot you like a dog. You are being watched, so don't move.'

"Then they went out the front door and as I looked up I saw a strange man walking by and looking in. Then I began to get scared. This man passed the window three times, each time looking in at me. The third time he started to run. In a few seconds Mr. Spaulding, the druggist, came in and in a joking way said: 'Come on, give me some cash.' Then he noticed that I was kneeling on the floor with my hands up and asked me what I was doing there. I could not answer and he came running around behind the counter and took hold of me. This seemed to rouse me and I pointed to the safe and told him the bank had been robbed. He started to run out and I called to him that they would kill us both and that we were being watched. He said 'not now' and taking me by the arm, ran out of the building asking me all about it as we ran. We looked up the road toward Mr. Lenhart's house and saw Mr. Lenhart and Mr. Alexander kneeling in the road and the robbers just getting on their horses.

## Users Are Liable For Damages

Suits have been brought and judgement obtained by the Empire Cream Separator Co., against Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, in which the latter named company is perpetually enjoined against the use of the Empire patents, says the Welch Watchman, and suit will be brought for damages for the use of these patents which belonged to the Empire Cream Separator Co. This makes every user of these Sears, Roebuck machines liable for damages for the continued use of same.

### Looks Good

George Kapp and Dr. G. W. Williams made a trip over in the Spavinaw lead country last week, and report conditions very favorable for future development over there. They say that Muskogee and Joplin capitalists are working thirty experienced men sinking prospect holes, and lots of good lead ore is being found. The gentlemen brought back some good samples, and if things turn out like they think, another year will witness great developments in that "neck of the woods." They say that capitalists have offered as high as \$50,000 for a 50 acre tract near there. The prospecting is being done 6 miles east of Spavinaw town, and about 33 miles southeast of Vinita,

## Learned To Love Them.

On March 18, the Vinita Daily Chieftain suspended publication after ten years of usefulness. During its existence the Daily Chieftain published more news of special interest to the Cherokee Nation than any of its contemporaries, and was the only paper in the Cherokee Nation that carried the associated press dispatches. It was a power of good for Vinita and surrounding territory, but during the past few years had been a money loser for the publishers, who wisely cut it off. Nearly a quarter of a century ago the writer of this article, then a small boy, read with delight the proceedings of the Cherokee Council, the Chief's messages, and other matters of vital concern to the people, in the "Indian Chieftain"—now known as the Vinita Weekly Chieftain. At that time we lived with our parents on the banks of Grand River. The Chieftain and Cherokee Advocate were our only sources of information, and we learned to love them. The Advocate is gone! But we shall with delight the announcement that the Chieftain will be continued as an "old-fashioned weekly." May it live long and prosper.—Foyal, (Okla.) Statesman.

## Centralia Improvements

### 40 Per Cent Reduction

County surveyor George Ashby is back from Centralia where he has been making the street grades for the city. He says there will be lots of improvements made in Centralia this spring. The foundation for the First National bank is being laid, a brick plant is going in and many other improvements too numerous to mention. He also says the town is in hopes of getting a railroad soon.

The corporation commission has issued an order reducing the express rates in the state 40 per cent. A hearing will be held in three weeks, when the express companies will be given an opportunity to show cause why the order should not be effective. There are five express companies doing business in the state.

Don't fail to take advantage of the Chieftain's special premium offer.

## Will Drill For Oil And Gas

The Chanute Oil and Gas company has secured an three-year leases the most of the country lying three miles east of Welch and extending east six or seven miles, into the Neosho river bottom, and it is stated that the company will soon begin puncturing the earth in that vicinity for oil and gas, says the Welch Watchman. A Muskogee mining company is securing mining privileges in the same district and extending up the Neosho river bottom north.

### Never Better

George Piersall, the gardener, says that vegetation never looked more advanced or better at this time of the year, and he expects great returns from his fruit and vegetable farm. So says the Wagoner Record. He and his brother have 1 acre in beans, 1 1/2 acres in cabbage, 1/2 acre in peas, 1/2 acre in turnips, 4 acres in potatoes, 1/2 acre in radishes, 1/4 acre in lettuce, 1/2 acre in celery, and other vegetables in smaller patches. Besides vegetables the Piersall Bros. have many acres of fruit and berries. This year they have planted 2 acres of dewberries and two acres of strawberries. They can expect great returns from their 40 acres of land, which lies five miles from Wagoner.

## Away Back Yonder In The Early Days

**T**HE LEADING editorial in Vol. 1, No. 2, of the Chieftain, published on September 29, 1882, was entitled, "Public Improvements." Editor Ivey said: "Never in the history of Vinita has there been such evidences of prosperity as now. There is more inquiry about real estate now in a day than formerly in a year. Better buildings are being erected, and people are beginning to build as if they meant to stay. Towns lots which a year ago could hardly have been given away can now be bought for \$100. First, there was the fair, which at first was thought to be a bold move, but which is now not only an assured success but a great success. Then came Worcester academy. At first it was hoped to build a \$1,200 house, for two teachers. A building is now being erected which will cost, before ready for use, at least \$5,000, and will begin with four teachers, with room for six. Then came the Chieftain, which proposes to help everything that is good. The residences of A. C. Raymond, A. P. Goodykoontz, Nathaniel Skinner and J. E. Halsell have exerted an enduring influence on future homes in Vinita,

Samuel Mays, principal of work—John W. Duncan and Miss Mary Wright were married Saturday at Mrs. Effert's, Rev. Rhodes officiating. Work still progresses rapidly on Worcester academy. Owing to the delay caused by the tunnel disaster the carload of material from St. Louis has not arrived. While in G. W. Green's store Saturday evening one of the clerks told us that he had sold 37 pair of boots and shoes that day, and was still selling more, besides other goods. Mr. Green employs five clerks, all live boys. How is that for a small town? Revs. A. N. Chamberlain and Wm. P. Haworth, Presbyterian missionaries, preached last Sunday at the school house near Mr. Lindsey's on Horse creek. This is a good neighborhood and Mr. Lindsey is one of its most enterprising citizens, with a very interesting, hospitable family, and their door is always open to the missionary. Rev. J. G. Shanks has been appointed by the Methodist conference to take charge of the church work at this place, succeeding Rev. Williams. Dugout committed suicide at Chetopa Tuesday by shooting himself through the head. He was an operator in the Chetopa office of the Missouri Pacific. The Sunday school exhibition given by the Methodist Sunday school on last Saturday was a grand success and was largely attended, more especially by the little ones. The lesson selected for the occasion was "Ring the Bells of Heaven," a very appropriate one. With S. S. Stephens as superintendent this school works in harmony and perfect order is observed. It has a regular attendance of over one hundred students. We cordially invite the pale-faces along our borders who doubt the rapidity with which the Indian is advancing in civilization and education to visit our Sabbath and day schools and see if we do not compare favorably with the so-called civilized people.

The net receipts of the first day of the fair at Muskogee were \$58. A brakeman whose name we did not learn was killed at Grand river bridge last Monday. As he swung himself from the tender of the engine to the front car he was struck by the first timber at the end of the

bridge and killed. The social last Monday evening at Mt. Goodykoontz's was one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season, everyone being well entertained and having a good time generally. Those present were Mrs. Halsell, Misses Flyth, Miller, Green, McCammon and Beatty, and Messrs. Stretch, Coles, McCammon, Badger and Hollingsworth. All were very social, and playing games was the order of the evening. Everything passed off satisfactorily to all, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodykoontz are to be congratulated on the way in which they entertained their guests.

John A. Foreman, W. W. Chamberlain and J. E. Porter returned from St. Louis Tuesday. They went there in company with A. P. Goodykoontz and others, who went down with stock. There were twenty cars from the Territory in the train. On account of the tunnel disaster they had to be sent at Rolla, nearly a week on expenses. The total bill was between three and four thousand dollars. Boys, you have our sympathy, but we suppose that the railroad company will share at least a part of the loss. It won't do to pay too high for cattle now.

Mr. Emma Haworth, elder daughter of Thomas Blodsoe, of Vinita, and wife of Owen Haworth, died at their residence at Yellow Springs, near Bushyhead station, on the 28th of August, leaving a babe one month old, and on the 19th of this month the babe also died, and was buried beside its mother, leaving the now happy home and loving husband sad and desolate. The deceased was a loving wife, and leaves a large circle of friends, both among the Indians and white people.

Mrs. W. C. Patton received word that her mother is sinking very fast,

and she leaves today for Georgia.

We have just learned of the death of Mr. Decker's little boy,

Amanda McGraw, aged 5 years, died Wednesday of a congestive chill. She was buried yesterday afternoon. She is not dead—the child of our affection—but gone unto that school where she no longer needs our protection, and Christ Himself doth rule—unto God's own heaven up above.

## Oklahoma Senator Boosts Bryan

The Detroit, Mich., News says Senator Gore of Oklahoma has proven himself to be a spellbinder, and that his address to the Wayne County, Mich., democracy was full of epigrams and crackles at the republicans. The News quotes Senator Gore as saying:

"I believe there are honest republicans. I count Abraham Lincoln one of the grandest luminaries on the pages of history, but it is a wise father that knows his own son, and I doubt whether Lincoln would own the present party that claims him. In the last 11 years there has been more trusts organized than ever before in the history of the world from Pharaoh down to Theodore Roosevelt. Republicans tax the swaddling clothes from the babes and the cement of the dead, they tax the rags of Lazarus and exempt the riches of Dives; they sell the tools of the mechanics and the machinery of the manufacturer to the peasants along the Rhine at a lower price than to the dwellers in Wayne county, Michigan.

"Governor Johnson of Michigan is a good man. I hope some day to vote for him for President, but not this year. I speak for myself alone when I say that Plumed Knight of Nebraska, William Jennings Bryan is the man to lead us to victory this year when the republicans are split asunder."

At the close of the address the crowd gave three cheers for Gore and he gave a reception on the platform.

### Davenport Is Back

Congressman James Davenport came in Monday from Washington, D. C., to look after some cases in court here and as soon as he gets his court business straightened out will return to his duties. Mr. Davenport thinks the Restriction bill will not be brought up until along toward the end of the term on account of the illness of Chairman Sherman of the Restriction committee. He says as soon as that matter is out of the way he will look into the matter of the Eastern Ensign Club, and he thinks he can hurry them up considerably when what they are now doing.

He thinks his bill providing for the appropriating of the U. S. jail at Vinita to Craig County will go through without any opposition. Mr. Davenport has already saved the Creek and Cherokee Indians several thousand dollars and is making the people of the Third Congressmen. In other words Jim is making good.

### Stolen Horse Found

Deputy Sheriff J. N. Woodall came in Friday night with M. E. Hamilton's stolen horse which disappeared from his barn one night last week. The animal had been rode as far as Clause's ferry on Grand river south of Afton and turned loose and had followed Arthur Chandler's wagon back through Afton and on to his place 6 miles north of Afton, where Mr. Chandler took her up. An Afton citizen saw the animal following Chandler through town and telephoned the Sheriff's office here that a mare suiting the description had just passed through town following Chandler's wagon. Deputy Woodall went at once to Chandler's place and found the mare. There was a reward of \$25 offered for the return of the mare. The thief evidently turned the animal loose in Grand river bottom, and is no doubt hiding in that vicinity.

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